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SUBJECT: FIREARMS POLICY GUIDELINES

REF: (A) STATE 186031, (B) A-3319,

1. POST'S POLICY CONCERNING FIREARMS RESTRICTS THEIR USE TO SELF-DEFENSE IN THE EVENT OF TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE CHANCERY. POST CONTINGENCY PLAN INSTRUCTS CERTAIN OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR, TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE COMMUNICATIONS VAULT AREA. POST FIREARMS AND TEAR GAS ARE IN THE INNER VAULT. THE CONTINGENCY PLAN READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

"PERSONNEL WHO SUCCEED IN TAKING REFUGE IN THE VAULT AREA WILL PREPARE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH THE FIREARMS AND TEAR GAS LOCATED THERE."

2. THE ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL FIREARMS TO INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS IS NOT CONTEMPLATED. SHOULD THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT IN LOME DETERIORATE DRASTICALLY, INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE DEVISED TO COVER THE ISSUANCE TO AND USE OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS.

3. OWNERS OF PRIVATE WEAPONS MUST IMPORT THEM AND REGISTER THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOGOLESE REGULATIONS. THE POST NEITHER ENCOURAGES NOR DISCOURAGES THE POSSESSION OF PRIVATE WEAPONS.
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